

Need another word that means the same as “desert”? Find 38 synonyms and 30 related words for “desert” in this overview.

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Desert as a Verb

Definitions of "Desert" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “desert” as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Leave behind.*
- *Illegally leave the armed forces.*
- *Desert (a cause, a country or an army), often in order to join the opposing cause, country, or army.*
- *Leave someone who needs or counts on you; leave in the lurch.*
- *(of a quality or ability) fail (someone) when most needed.*
- *(of people) leave (a place), causing it to appear empty.*
- *Abandon (a person, cause, or organization) in a way considered disloyal or treacherous.*



Synonyms of "Desert" as a verb (38 Words)

abandon	Forsake, leave behind. <i>An attempt to persuade businesses not to abandon the area to inner city deprivation.</i>
abjure	Solemnly renounce (a belief, cause, or claim). <i>MPs were urged to abjure their Jacobite allegiance.</i>
abscond	Leave hurriedly and secretly, typically to escape from custody or avoid arrest. <i>176 detainees absconded.</i>
<u>betrayed</u>	Deliver to an enemy by treachery.
<u>bolt</u>	Make or roll into bolts. <i>Bolt the door.</i>
cast aside	Choose at random.
cast off	Formulate in a particular style or language.
decamp	Break up or leave a military camp. <i>The hikers decamped before dawn.</i>
defect	Desert (a cause, a country or an army), often in order to join the opposing cause, country, or army.
<u>depart</u>	Go away or leave. <i>A contingent was departing from Cairo.</i>
desolate	Make (a place) appear bleakly empty. <i>He was desolated by the deaths of his treasured friends.</i>

disavow

Refuse to acknowledge; disclaim knowledge of; responsibility for, or association with.

*The union leaders resisted pressure to **disavow** picket line violence.*

empty

Make void or empty of contents.

*We **empty** the till at closing time.*

escape

Interrupt an operation by means of the escape key.

*He drove along the dual carriageway to **escape** police.*

evacuated

Move people from their homes or country.

flee

Run away quickly.

*He was forced to **flee** the country.*

fly

Hit a fly.

*Man cannot **fly**.*

forsake

Renounce or give up (something valued or pleasant).

*He would never **forsake** Tara.*

forsaken

Leave someone who needs or counts on you; leave in the lurch.

forswear

Formally reject or disavow a formerly held belief, usually under pressure.

I swore that I would lead us safely home and I do not mean to be forsworn.

give up

Cause to happen or be responsible for.

go absent without leave

Have a particular form.

have done with

Cause to move; cause to be in a certain position or condition.

have no more truck with

Achieve a point or goal.

leave

Leave or give by will after one's death.

***Leave** the young fawn alone.*

make off

Reach a destination, either real or abstract.

quit

Give up in the face of defeat or lacking hope; admit defeat.

*I want to **quit** smoking.*

relinquish

Voluntarily cease to keep or claim; give up.

*I am **relinquishing** my bedroom to the long term house guest.*

renege on

Fail to fulfill a promise or obligation.

renounce

Refuse or resign a right or position, especially one as an heir or trustee.

*These agreements were **renounced** after the fall of the Tsarist regime.*

repudiate

(in the past or in non-Christian religions) disown or divorce (one's wife).

*Philip was excommunicated in 1095 because he had **repudiated** his wife.*

run away

Pursue for food or sport (as of wild animals).

take french leave

Obtain by winning.

thrown over

Cause to fall off.

turn one's back on

Accomplish by rotating.

turn tail

Cause to move around or rotate.

vacated

Cancel officially.

wash one's hands of

Clean with some chemical process.



Usage Examples of "Desert" as a verb

- *The mother deserted her children.*
- *His life in the regiment had been such a hell that he decided to desert.*
- *Her luck deserted her.*
- *The tourists have deserted the beaches.*
- *We feel our public representatives have deserted us.*
- *If soldiers deserted Hitler's army, they were shot.*
- *The students deserted the campus after the end of exam period.*



Associations of "Desert" (30 Words)

anhydrous	Without water; especially without water of crystallization.
arid	Lacking vitality or spirit; lifeless-C.J.Rolo. <i>His arid years in suburbia.</i>
aridity	The quality of yielding nothing of value.

beach	Of an angler land a fish on a beach. <i>He managed to beach a fine trout.</i>
climatic	Of or relating to a climate. <i>Climatic changes.</i>
deforest	Clear (an area) of forests or trees. <i>The landscape was deforested by the enemy attacks.</i>
dehydrate	Lose a large amount of water from the body. <i>The nurses made sure I didn't dehydrate.</i>
desertification	The process by which fertile land becomes desert, typically as a result of drought, deforestation, or inappropriate agriculture. <i>The dust storms in Korea are the result of rapid desertification in China.</i>
desiccate	Remove water from. <i>Years of drought have desiccated the soil.</i>
desiccated	Having had all moisture removed; dried out. <i>Shredded and desiccated coconut meat.</i>
desiccation	The removal of moisture from something. <i>Stems were stored in plastic bags to prevent desiccation.</i>
dried	Preserved by removal or evaporation of moisture. <i>Dried lavender flowers.</i>
drought	A shortage of rainfall. <i>The cause of Europe's recent droughts.</i>
dry	A dry or covered place. <i>The rye has been strip grazed by dry cows.</i>
dryness	Moderation in or abstinence from alcohol or other drugs. <i>A certain dryness of style.</i>
dune	A mound or ridge of sand or other loose sediment formed by the wind, especially on the sea coast or in a desert. <i>A sand dune.</i>
evaporation	The process of something abstract ceasing to exist. <i>Snow cover prevents evaporation of water from the soil.</i>
famine	A severe shortage of food (as through crop failure) resulting in violent hunger and starvation and death. <i>The famine of 1921.</i>
oasis	A fertile spot in a desert, where water is found. <i>The park is an oasis of calm in the centre of the city.</i>
parch	Cause to wither or parch from exposure to heat. <i>A piece of grassland parched by the sun.</i>

precipitation	The quantity of water falling to earth at a specific place within a specified period of time. <i>He is responsible for the precipitation of his own demise.</i>
<u>prolonged</u>	Continuing for a long time or longer than usual; lengthy. <i>The region suffered a prolonged drought.</i>
quicksand	A treacherous situation that tends to entrap and destroy. <i>It s best to travel with a local as there are quicksands.</i>
sandy	Resembling or containing or abounding in sand or growing in sandy areas. <i>Pale eyes and receding sandy hair.</i>
sear	Fry (food) quickly at a high temperature so that it will retain its juices in subsequent cooking. <i>A sharp pang of disappointment seared her.</i>
semiarid	Somewhat arid. <i>A semiarid region with little annual rainfall.</i>
<u>shortage</u>	A state or situation in which something needed cannot be obtained in sufficient amounts. <i>The problems of land shortage in the countryside.</i>
silt	Fill or block with silt. <i>The soil ends up silting up the stream.</i>
steppe	A large area of flat unforested grassland in south-eastern Europe or Siberia.
withered	(used especially of vegetation) having lost all moisture. <i>Withered leaves.</i>

